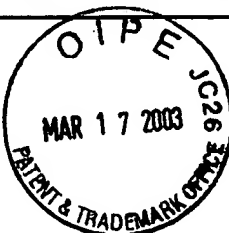


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 3359
		
In re Application of Mei et al		
Application Number 09/718,295	Filed November 21, 2000	
For Methods and Computer Software Products for Selecting Nucleic Acid Probes		
Group Art Unit 1631	Examiner Marianne P. Allen	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):


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☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ _____
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☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ _____

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.
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